The basic policy of MUL as per this Agreement is inter alia:

(i) to continuously contribute to the market by supplying competitive motor vehicles of good quality at competitive prices; and

(ii) to make profits from its operations.

Pricing of various models are commercial decisions taken by MUL, management and do not fall under the Government's purview. As per MUL, prices of their vehicles are competitive as would be evident from the table enclosed.

TABLE

Current vehicle prices (in Rs.)

MODEL	DELHI EX-SHOWROOM
OMNI-(MUL)	182.352
MARUTI 800 (STD)-(MUL)	202.698
PREMIER (SI)	214,245
MARUTI 800 DLX-(MUL)	234,575
PADMINI [BE & BU (WITHOUT AC)]	240,264
PREMIER (SI) EXECUTIVE	242.844
PADMINI DLX (BE & BU) (WITH AC)	273.696
PADMINI 137D	277,704
PADMINI 137D DELUXE	291,881
USNE(STD)	302.243
AMBASSADOR ISUZU	303,065
UNO NON-AC	303.197
AMBASSADOR DX DIESEL	305,228
PADMINI 137D DELUXE AC	318.124
AMBASSDOR ISUZU BE AC	336,080
AMBASSADOR ISUZU BU AC	337,692
118NE (AC)	338,515
ZEN-(MUL)	342.678
UNO AC	348,834
M 1000 (STD)-(MUL)	349,913
118 NE 1.38 DIESEL	355.370
M 1000 AC-(MUL)	404,470
ZEN (AT)-(MUL)	419.093
CONTESSA DIESEL	445.764
CONTESSA GLX	448.041
ESTEEM (LX)-(MUL)	469.041
TATA SIERRA	494.883
PEUGEOT 309	503,620
TATA ESTATE	506.854
ESTEEM (VX)-(MUL)	535.551
CIELO(GL)	548,799
ESTEEM (AX)-(MUL)	595,276
CIELO (GLE)	620,239
FORT ESCORT PETROL	634,551
PEUGEOT 309 DIESEL	663,469
FORT ESCORT LX PETROL	668,667
CIELO (GLEAT)	646,920
CIELO (GLX)	679,639
CIELO (GLX AIRBAG)	706.639
CIELO (GLX AT)	706.320
OPEL ASTRA	732.124
CIELO (GLX AT AIRBAG)	733.320
FORD ESCORT DIESEL	768.227
FORD ESCORT LX DIESEL	802,994

EX-SHOWROOM PRICES ARE EXCLUDING INSURANCE AND REGISTRATION COSTS SORTED AS ASCENDING EX-SHOWROOM DELHI PRICES.

Supply of equipment by BHEL

*66. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay on the part of

BHEL in equipment supplies to the refineries at Panipat, Mathura and Barauni; and

(b) is so, the details and reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Due to the following reasons, there has been some delay in the supply of equipment by BHEL to IOCL's refineries at Panipat, Mathura and Barauni:—

(i) Change in Design of Generator for Panipat Captive Power Plant (CPP) by Project Authorities after award of contract.

(ii) Introduction of Consultant by Project Authorities for Panipat CPP after award of contract led to increase in Engineering hours not envisaged by BHEL while bidding for the contract.

(iii) Delay in issuing essentiality certificate required for imported materials/components by the project authorities for Mathura CPP, led to delay in procurement and equipment supply by BHEL. .-.

(iv) Supply delays by BHEL's Sub Vendors.

(v) Delayed receipt of input raw materials by BHEL from indigenous and imported sources.

Exploration of diamonds in Madhya Pradesh

*67. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what has happened to the matter of leases for exploration of diamonds in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what is the role of Government in this matter; and

(c) what steps are being taken to see that the exploration begins early?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) As per information available, an advertisement was placed in May, 1994 in the leading national newspapers and letters were addressed to the embassies of the leading industrialised countries of the world by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, inviting applications from reputed Indian companies and international companies incorporated/ registered in India, with full details of their expertise, technical strength, financial resources and the plan for prospecting the diamond deposits at the first stage and mining, processing and marketing in the second, in eastern Madhya Pradesh.

In response to this advertisement, applicants and letters from 23 companies/ individuals from India and abroad, showing an interest in this activity, were received. The State Government appointed a High Powered Committee to decide parameters for evaluating the same.

On 17th June, '94 the Committee scrutinised the various applications and shortlisted the following five parties for detailed discussion.

(i) CRA Exploration Ltd. Melbourne, Australia (CRA)

(ii) Ashton Mining India Limited (AMIL)

(iii) De Beers Centenary AG (De Beers)

(iv) National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)

(v) Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL)

On 30th July, 1994, Government of Madhya Pradesh took a prima facie decision approving the recommendations of the Committee regarding short listing of Companies. In September, 1994 State Govt, of Madhya Pradesh submitted a report on prospecting licences in respect of diamond and alexendrite deposits in